

# First Mile Last Mile Connections Grant 2019-2021 Application

#### **Program Goals**

Improve the beginning or end of an individual trip to public transit services.

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Project Title	•
CCAP Connections	
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Project Summary	
To provide on demand transportation to community meml	bers who are without access to treatment services
Lead Organization	
Coastal Community Action Program	
Federal Tax ID Number	DUNS Number
91-6066958	039-270-673

This information should match the financial information in question 16.			
Dollar Amount of Grant Request for 2019-2021	Total Project Cost	Local Match	Percentage of Project Total Cost 100%
\$119,980.00 (If 13 month contract \$128,470.00)	\$119,980.00	\$0.00	

State Legislative District(s)	County/Counties	
19	Grays Harbor	
24	Pacific	
20	Lewis	
2 & 22	Thurston	
35	Mason	

Project Partner Name Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services	Type of Organization (i.e. tribe, public sector, private sector)
Role Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services' role	Public sector  includes providing system coordination and technical assistance, a and will be included in the planning and evaluation of the program
Project Partner Name Pacific County Public Health and Human Serivces	Type of Organization (i.e. tribe, public sector, private sector) Public sector
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Billing Address (if different from	mailing address)	City	State	Zip Code
Grant Administrator Lucy Machowek	Phone Number 360-500-4538		Administra @coastalca	
Billing Contact Amanda Farrar	Billing Contact F 360-500-4524	hone Number	Contact Er daf@coasta	

#### Qualitative Description of Needs (25 points)

- 1. Describe the first-last mile to transit service you propose:
  - a. Service and/or facilities you will provide. Examples include: active transportation facilities (e.g. bicycle lockers and racks), bike share, carpool, demand response transportation, education, deviated fixed route transit, incentives, marketing, paratransit, parking management, ridehail, shuttle, transit pass subsidies, vanpool, vanshare. Please note that emergency or guaranteed ride home services and expanding single occupancy vehicle parking are not eligible.
  - b. Location and/or first-last mile service area
  - c. Existing transit service your service connects to
  - d. Transportation gap your proposal is intended to address

Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) is proposing to partner with local organziations, within Grays Harbor, Pacific, Thurston, Lewis and Mason Counties, to provide demand response transportation to inpatient and medication assisted treatments. Our intent is to create parnterships with public health departments, hospitals and treatment facilities to help aid in referring clients to our project.

We will provide demand response transportation of community members, who have been identified by qualified professionals, that are needing to be transported to a facility for substance use disorder treatment. The anticipated response time would be under 2 hours.

There currently isn't a transportation system that offers a demand response for this purpose.

A primary gap, and unmet need of our rural community's behavioral health system, has always been transportation to and from services. When someone is in need of inpatient treatment, which is not offered in our community, we often struggle with the time delay there is from the scheduled bed date to access to transportation. During that time, many things can happen, such as loss of motivation, becoming incarcerated, or even overdosing. Any one of these can often contribute to individuals to not continue on their journey of sobriety.

In 2014, according to DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division's, Behavioral Health Access to Care Metrics report, the penetration rate of individuals actaully making it to treatment services was between 23-26.7%, for the five targeted counties. By providing demand response transporation services for this purpose we would like to increase the penetration rate by 10-20 people per county each year.

Discus	ssion of Benefits (20 points)
2.	Describe how the proposed services will be open & accessible to the public in an equitable manner. Include any grant eligibility requirements
	CCAP Connections is open to the public and has complete open access to any community member of Grays Harbor, Pacific, Lewis, Mason or Thurston Counties. The only eligibility requirements is the person has to be seeking inpatient or medication assisted substance use disorder treatment services and have transportation barrier to or from the facility.
3.	Describe the benefits this project would provide. Discuss how the project will improve connections to public transportation, market potential, enhance access to destinations.
	CCAP Connections will provide on-demand transportation to eligible community members to further their journey to sobriety and life free from addiction. Due to the rural areas of the counties we are projected to serve from this grant, we would be able to enhance access to an otherwise unmet need. We would offer transportation not only to and from the facilities but also can improve the connections to public transportation when applicable.
Social	Justice/Equity (20 points)
4.	How does the project advance efficiencies in, accessibility to, or coordination of transportation services provided to persons with special transportation needs? Provide information about how your project provides equal opportunities to disadvantaged populations, including: persons with disabilities, low-income populations, veterans, persons over 65 and over 85 years of age.
	CCAP Connections would allow transportation to community members regardless of disability, income, race, age, religion. All community members can access this service, as long as there is a transportation barrier. If the need arose, Coastal Community Action Program would allow us to utilize the handicapped ADA accessible van.
Goals	and Metrics (15 points)
5.	How will your organization measure whether the project is successful and improves the efficiency and effectiveness of getting to fixed route public transportation? Describe the quantitative and qualitative measures.
	As part of your measures, you must select at least one of the following:
	Change in transit ridership
	<ul> <li>Number of first-last mile trips provided</li> <li>Number of passenger miles via first-last mile service provided</li> </ul>
	CCAP Connections will measure the success of the project by keeping trip logs and creating a spreadsheet of both the number of trips and number of passenger miles provided during the first-last mile services. When we are able to connect community members to public transportation, as opposed to directly to the facility, we will record that seperately to show the increase in transit ridership.
Wages	s and Healthcare (10 points)
6.	Organization size. Do you have 50 or more full-time employees based in Washington state?
	☑ Yes
	□ No
7.	Minimum Wage. Does your organization provide a minimum wage for employees and independent contractors?
	☐ Yes: \$ ☐ Yes, for employees only: \$13.50 hourly
	□ No
8.	Healthcare. Does your organization provide healthcare benefits to your employees and independent contractors?
	□ No
	No, but provide additional compensation to employees and independent contractors for healthcare
	Yes, included in hourly wage compensation for employees and independent contractors

Yes, included in employee benefits package for employees and independent contractors
Other:

#### Readiness to Proceed (10 points)

- 9. Discuss readiness to proceed. Describe:
  - a. When the project would introduce service to the public, and
  - b. How the project could provide preliminary performance data (change in transit ridership, number of first-last mile trips provided, etc.) by December 31, 2020.

Our services will begin within 30 days after receiving grant funding. We will begin the hiring process by starting to advertise for the drivers positions and introduced to the public immediately following grant funding being received. We would also need to purchase a vehicle. We would be providing performance data by using trip forms that capture number of trips provided, passenger miles and transit ridership connections.

10. Identify the project staff for this project and their technical capacity. What type of experience do these individuals have with service delivery and grant management?

Lucy Machowek, Department Manager, has managed the Social and Employment Department since 2016. Mrs. Machowek has worked in the private for profit for over 20 years and with the Department of Social & Health Services for over 15 years. Mrs. Machowek has over 10 years of grant management experience that included federal, state, and county funds and over 30 years of supervisory experience. Mrs. Machowek oversees the project and provides staff supervision and support directly to the transportation coordinator for the CCAP Connections Project.

Amanda Farrar, Transportation Coordinator, has provided multiple program oversight at Coastal Cap since 2016. Ms. Farrar has provided direct coordination and supervision to the consolidated grant project, Driven to Opportunity, since 2019. Ms. Farrar's current and past grant management includes federal funds, state /special needs funds and county funds.

11. *Milestones and activities*. Describe the major milestones for the project, including project start, provision of public service, public events, anticipated measurement activities, progress reports, completion date, etc.

All projected milestones are projected on the grant running from July 2020 to June 2021

7/15/2020 Have policies, procedures and marketing materials for program created. Post job description

7/30/2020 Hire driver, Buy Kia

8/1/2020 Meet with treatment centers and agencies to market program, Start accepting referrals and providing services

12. Project Budget. Describe each project element and its cost details. These may include marketing, staff time, services, acquisition, incentives, etc.

Vehicle - Kia Soul		\$18,000.00
1 FTE - Driver	\$4,000.00	\$48,000.00
0.25 FTE Supervision	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
Space Rent	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
Phone	\$40.00	\$480.00
Maintenance/Repairs	\$300.00	\$3,600.00
Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
Supplies	\$50.00	\$600.00
Insurance	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Licensing		\$100.00
Travel	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Administration	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00

<b>Total Budgeted Reque</b>	st	\$119,980.00
Monthly Program Cost		\$8,490.00
	If 13 Month Contract	\$128,470.00

#### Readiness to Proceed (10 points)

13. Project Partners. List any planned project partners (including sub-recipients and/or contractors), by name or by type. Describe the role of your project partners, if awarded.

CCAP Connections has been in contact with several local community agencies to establish partnerships for this program.

The partnerships already in place are:

Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services' role includes providing system coordination and technical assistance, as well as ensuring effective communication, from stakeholders, is included in the planning and evaluation of the program.

Pacific County Public Health and Human Serivces' role is providing our program with referrals and helping to faciliate transportation for their clients involved in Felony Drug Court, Mental Health Diversion and/or Family Therapeutic Court.

Community Transportation Association of the Northwest will partner by promoting mobility options through collaboration, education and advocacy. In addition they have agreed to provide training and technical assistance as needed.

Grays Harbor Treatment Solutions', Sea Mar Community Health Centers, and Coastal Community Action Programs' Housing and Community Court all have the same role of identifying and referring individuals who are in need of transportation to inpatient treatment services.

If awarded, further partnerships in the other counties would be formed immediately.

#### Other Questions (No points)

14. Scalability. Describe how the project could proceed with more or less funding than the amount requested. How could the project scale?

CCAP Connections would be able to scale the program down by offering services to Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties only.

In addition, we would also be able to scale the project up by increasing our already developed parnerships, hours, and target numbers.

15. Fill in the appropriate milestone for your project (e.g., project start, various project elements, planning dates, completion date). In the last column, enter specific descriptions about the activity.

Milestone	Date	Activity
Planning	7/15/2020	Have policies, procedures and marketing materials for program created. Post job description
Project Elements	7/30/2020	Hire driver, Buy Kia
Project Elements	8/1/2020	Meet with treatment centers and agencies to market program
Project start date	8/1/2020	Start accepting referrals, providing services
Planning		Continued search for further funding opportunities
Project complete	6/30/2021	Analysis of success

#### **Financial Information**

16. Complete the following information for this project.

Project Element		Budget
Please see attached budget spreadsheet		
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	TOTAL PROJECTED COST	
Source of Local Match:		
	LOCAL MATCH TOTAL	
	LOCAL MATCH PERCENT	ii a
	GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT	

#### **Application Authority**

17. This application must be certified by someone authorized or delegated to sign contracts on behalf of your organization, such as General Manager or CEO. Applications submitted without the checkbox selected will be rejected by WSDOT and will not be considered for grant funding.

ΧI	certify to the h	nest of my knowledge	that the information in	this application is	true and accurate
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Date 5/22/2020

## **CCAP Connections Budget Projection July 2020 - June 2021**

Project Element	Monthly	Yearly Budget	One-Time cost	Notes
Vehicle - Kia Soul			\$18,000.00	
1 FTE - Driver	\$4,000.00	\$48,000.00		
.025 FTE Supervision	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00		
Space Rent	\$300.00	\$3,600.00		
Phone	\$40.00	\$480.00		
Maintenance/Repairs	\$300.00	\$3,600.00		
Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00		\$3.25/gallon 25-30 mpg
				308 gallons per \$1000.00 / 7700 miles per \$1000.00
				*If all 12 trips went to Spokane 735 miles x 12 = 8820
Supplies	\$50.00	\$600.00		
Insurance	\$100.00	\$1,200.00		
Licensing			\$100.00	
Travel	\$500.00	\$6,000.00		1/3 to Spokane \$100 night \$55 per diem
Administration	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00		\$975.00 per FTE
Total	\$8,490.00	\$101,880.00		

\$18,000.00

\$100.00

**Yearly Total** 

\$119,980.00

13 month contract

\$8,490.00

**Grand Total** 

\$128,470.00



## Grays Harbor County Public Health and Social Services Department

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May 5, 2020

Washington State Department of Transportation 310 Maple Park Avenue SE P.O. Box 47300 Olympia, WA 98504-7300

To whom it may concern:

Grays Harbor County enthusiastically supports Coastal Community Action Program's application to the Washington State Department of Transportation for the "First Mile, Last Mile Connections" grant to provide transportation to inpatient substance use disorder treatment. This funding opportunity will provide critical assistance to meet a system gap in our community.

Grays Harbor Public Health's role includes providing system coordination and technical assistance, as well as ensuring that effective communication, from relevant stakeholders, is included in program planning and evaluation. Our agency's role in the behavioral health system has evolved over years and decades – ranging from funder as the Regional Service Network, to liaison in the regional Behavioral Health Organizations, to system coordination in the Medicaid transformation and shift to Managed Care Organizations. Throughout this evolution we have seen one of our primary values as understanding the assets, identifying the gaps, and advocating for the unique needs of rural communities.

A primary gap, and unmet need of our rural community's behavioral health system, has always been transportation to and from services. Information from our providers, partners, and clients highlights the frustration that occurs when available inpatient treatment beds are located for clients in need but transportation is not available so the precious resource goes unused. Grays Harbor Public Health facilitates the "Community Partner Coalition" with the goal being - to bring stakeholders from criminal justice, hospitals, behavioral health, and social services together to understand and improve our continuum of services for the benefit of our most vulnerable residents. In the fall of 2019, this Coalition created a dashboard of data points that were most indicative of the successes and challenges of our system and it prominently featured the challenge of providing transportation.

Grays Harbor County, through its membership in the Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization previously advocated and received support for client transportation to behavioral health services through an agency called Eugenia. Unfortunately, funding for this service ended in April of 2019 and has not been available since that time. Our community has done an immense amount of work to advocate, recruit, support, and retain

a wide variety of behavioral health providers and services to meet what we know to be an immense need for our residents; however, if a client cannot access available resources due to transportation barriers, their success and positive outcomes will continue to be restricted.

Coastal Community Action Program, through their "Driven to Opportunity" program, is well positioned to meet this need. CCAP has vehicles and drivers on-staff to transport clients for other functions as their funding permits. Additional funding would allow them to expand this service and help meet other community needs. DTO recently utilized existing infrastructure with new funding for creative ways to meet local need. CCAP collaborated with Grays Harbor County's Incident Management Team during our COVID-19 response to provide capacity to transport clients to and from Public Health's Isolation/Quarantine facilities to protect valuable EMS and ambulance capacity.

Grays Harbor County Public Health fully and completely supports Coastal Community Action Program's application to the "First Mile, Last Mile Connections" grant. Our County, as well as the community stakeholders we support, have clearly identified this need and see its benefit. We look forward to hearing about the status of this request, and hope it can provide the resources necessary to ensure equitable access to those in our community. Should you have any questions or need more information do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vickie L. Raines

Chair

**Board of County Commissioners** 

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Grays Harbor County



### **PACIFIC COUNTY**

#### Public Health and Human Services

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Long Beach (360) 642-9349 / Fax (360) 642-9352 7013 Sandridge Road, Long Beach, WA 98631

May 1, 2020

John O'Lague Coastal Community Action Program

Dear Mr. O'Lague,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for your OSRP grant application for transportation to help Pacific County residents access inpatient behavioral health treatment. Lack of transportation on has been identified as a long-standing gap in Pacific County and we look forward to partnering CCAP on this project.

As you are aware, transportation is a significant barrier to receiving treatment for many of our residents. When a community member has stated and is eligible to access in-patient chemical dependency treatment and is told that the facility has an available bed, they need to get to the facility that same day. However, a majority of the time, community members have not had the transportation to get to the facility. On many occasions, this has prevented access to treatment and the person which has resulted in loss of bed or relapse.

With this grant CCAP will provide on-demand transportation utilizing paid staff and agency vehicle to transport the community member from their place of residence/facility to the inpatient facility. This will increase access to the community members that are seeking and needing in-patient chemical dependency treatment in turn allowing them to continue on their journey to sobriety. Our agency will partner with your transportation program by making program referrals and helping to facilitate transportation for our clients involved in the Felony Drug Court, Mental Health Diversion, and/or Family Therapeutic Court.

We look forward to continuing as community partners in this effort to improve transportation for individuals in need of inpatient treatment. Please let us know if we can provide any more information in support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Katie Lindstrom

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Director



## Community Transportation Association of the Northwest 120 State Ave. #303 | Olympia, WA 98501 | (360) 867-8847 | www.ctanw.org

"Promoting mobility options through collaboration, education and advocacy"

5/1/2020

**WSDOT** 

RE: First Mile, Last Mile Connections Grant

To Whom it May Concern,

Community Transportation Association of the Northwest (CTANW) would like to submit a Letter of Support for Coastal Community Action Program's (CCAP) First Mile Last Mile Connections project. This project will provide people with chemical dependency treatment needs access to the services that will allow them to heal and grow in recovery. CCAP serves the areas of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties and those counties have high rates of addiction. The social ramifications of this addiction are rampant throughout this region. The societal effects of addiction can be seen on the streets of Aberdeen and throughout the region and they are high unemployment rates, high rates of child abuse and high levels of crime. Increased access to treatment will allow individuals to heal which in turn, will go far in healing this damaged community.

There are several excellent treatment options available to patients in CCAP's service area. Employees at those Treatment facilities work to assist clients with their transportation challenges by helping them to find ride shares or bus routes to meet their needs. They even change appointment times to accommodate the transportation needs of individuals. This flexibility puts an incredible strain on the

providers and on other patients needing treatment. The time and effort spent on transportation issues would be much better spent on meeting the treatment needs of individuals in their care. When people are addicted to heroin, they often take maintenance medications to remain clean from heroin. If they need to miss a dose, that can be damaging to their health and recovery. The most common reason for people needing to miss a dose of their maintenance medication is a lack of transportation.

CTANW works closely with transportation providers around the Pacific Northwest and we support this project fully. CCAP works to fill many basic needs for their clients, including transportation. This organization is widely respected as the most prolific social service agency in the Grays Harbor/ Pacific County area.

We are aligned with the values represented in this project and look forward to supporting this project in any way that may be needed. We are available to the professionals at CCAP for training and technical assistance as they work to implement this program.

Yours in Partnership,

Angie Coulter

**Executive Director** 

**CTANW** 

516 E. 1st Street Aberdeen, WA 98520 P: (360) 350-4010 F: (360) 533-9825

Date: 05/01/2020

Washington State Department of Transportation

Dear Grant Review Committee:

Grays Harbor Treatment Solutions is honored to write this letter of support for Coastal Community Action Program's application for the "First Mile, Last Mile Connections" Grant. This grant is a great opportunity for each of the individuals in our community who suffer from the disease of addiction. It will enable them to receive substance use disorder treatment without the barrier of transportation.

This facility is a level 1.0 medicated assisted treatment program. Our fundamental goal is to restore each individual to a healthier, happier, and more productive life, free from use of illicit drugs and destructive behaviors. As professionals on the front lines who are helping our patients through their battles with substance use disorders, we witness first hand the struggles that many face with transportation to treatment services. When someone is in need of inpatient treatment, which is not offered in our community, we often struggle with the time delay there is from the scheduled bed date to access to transportation. During that time, many things can happen, such as loss of motivation, becoming incarcerated, or even overdosing.

Grays Harbor Treatment Solution's contribution to this project would consist of identifying and referring individuals who are in need of transportation services. Throughout the last year, we facilitated inpatient treatment beds for 21 of our patients, and of those 21, 7 of them went to Spokane, WA. Our current transportation service does not readily transport patients to these treatment facilities due to how far away they are. Unfortunately, not all inpatient facilities take people on Suboxone or Methadone, so our options are limited and transportation to the facilities that will admit our people is a significant barrier.

Who better than Coastal Community Action Program to be awarded the grant? They are already a hub for services in our community so individuals seeking this service, will often times, be familiar with the organization. We strongly recommend Coastal Community Action Program for this grant and look forward to seeing the people in our community benefit from the services it will provide.

Thank you,

Tina Andrews, B.A., S.U.D.P Clinic Director (360) 350-4010 x 209 MEDICAL

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OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Aberdeen: 360-538-1461 Anacortes: 360-293-8007 Bellevue: 425-460-7114 Bellingham: 360-734-5458 Everett: 425-609-5505 Gig Harbor: 253-280-9888 Kent: 206-764-8019 Lacev: 360-359-4880 Lynnwood: 425-977-2560 Monroe: 360-805-3122 Mt. Vernon: 360-542-8920 Olympia: 360-570-8258 Puyallup: 253-864-4770 Seattle: 206-766-6976 Tacoma: 253-396-1634 Tumwater: 360-570-8258 Vancouver: 360-566-4432 Vancouver VCCM: 360-397-9211

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Aberdeen Behavioral Health Center

May 1, 2020

Washington State Department of Transportation 310 Maple Park Avenue SE P. O. Box 47300 Olympia, WA 98504-7300

Dear colleagues,

I am writing this letter in full support CAPP regarding the "First Mile, Last Miles Connections" transportation grant application on behalf of Sea Mar Behavioral Health Centers.

We are very excited about the opportunity to support this transportation grant that CAPP is applying for. Transportation (or lack thereof) is one of the largest barriers that affect individuals accessing behavioral health and other services in rural communities such as Grays Harbor, Washington have to face. The entire population of Grays Harbor will benefit from such a resource, especially the vulnerable and difficult to serve population.

We at Sea Mar support this opportunity because we have a great deal of client referrals that need transportation to other counties, as far away as Spokane. Some of them are non-Medicaid/Medicare individuals that qualify for no transportation services. At the beginning of the year MCOs took over funding and authorization for inpatient treatment services. As a result the authorization length and requirements give us a smaller window in which to get the client where they need to go. Currently we are using Grey Hound Bus tickets, and Paratransit, but there are many gaps. There is a great deal that can derail them between home and their destination. Time is of the essence. The "First Mile, Last Miles Connections" awarded by the Washington Department of Transportation will remove a lot of barriers for individuals with the most urgent needs.

We at Sea Mar Community fully support CAPP in the application and utilization of the "First Mile, Last Miles Connections" grant awarded by the Washington Department of Transportation. We are very excited for the opportunity to support CAPP in obtaining and implementing this transportation grant and highly recommend CAPP as a community partner and steward of these grant funds.

Sincerely,

Susan Drake, Program Manager

Susan Drake

Mark Anderson SUDP, Clinical Supervisor

Mark Anderson